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1. Dr. Jorge Uribe Marquez, a member of the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC), organized a meeting of leftist and pro-Communist Colombian youth, which was held on 19 October. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to organize a leftist youth movement which would collaborate with similar anti-United States groups in other Latin American countries. The name adopted by the new group is Comando JEG, which has a double significance, meaning both Comando Jorge Eliecer Gaitan and Comando Estudiantil Gran Colombiano.
2. Uribe Marquez appointed the following individuals to the Central Committee for Colombia:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Comptroller  
Secretary  
Advisory Member  
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Salvador Suarez  
Luis Benjamin Tangarife  
Carlos Rivera Gonzalez  
Blas Alfonso Mendez  
Jaime Arias  
Aristobolo Torres  
Alfonso Corrales Guarin  
Maxima Rivera  
Antonio Alfonso

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3. After appointing the Central Committee, Uribe Marquez gave the following instructions:
  - a. Affiliated groups should be formed in all fifteen departments as soon as possible.
  - b. Close liaison with similar groups throughout the continent should be established, as well as with Augustin Guzman, member of the Central Committee of the CTAL.
  - c. Contact should be established with leftist youth groups in Caracas, Venezuela. Members of the newly appointed Colombian Central Committee should encourage the formation of a Gran Colombian Central Committee, composed of delegates from Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Panama.
  - d. The headquarters of the Gran Colombian Central Committee should be located in Caracas, where this committee would be able to function freely.

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- e. Ex-President of Venezuela Romulo Betancourt should be appointed honorary president of the Gran Colombian Central Committee.
  - f. Other honorary members of the proposed Central Committee should be Venezuelan President Romulo Gallegos and the Venezuelan poet and Minister of Foreign Relations, Andres Eloy Blanco, because of their avowed sympathy towards such leftist or Marxist movements.
4. In a subsequent conversation, Uribe Marquez declared that he had selected the members of the Colombian Central Committee of Comando JEG with extreme care and had purposely avoided appointing known leftists or Communists such as Manuel Zapata Olivella, David Rosental R., Ernest Caicedo, Alberto Silva, Juan Padilla Valdira, Jose Valencia Bueno, Hugo Pacheco Quintero, Danilo Botero, Marco Francisco Chavez, Juan Mier, Miguel Suarez Gonzalez, Alfonso Araujo Caicedo, Felipe Abisambra, Jose Rodolfo Duran, Pedro Hermans Ganz, Jorge Child Velez, Eduardo Amariz, or Titio Livio Caldas. Although none of the above was given an official position, Uribe Marquez expected them to play a decisive role in the organization.
5. Alfonso Zalamea Olaya, Alfonso Cuerva Solorzano, and Julio Enrique Santos, leaders of the Partido Integral Colombiano (PIC-[REDACTED]), were also present at the meeting. Zalamea later explained that although the PIC is opposed to Marxism, it does favor the formation of leftist youth groups which oppose the United States.

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